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Dalton Endorsed by 53 Democratic Sheriffs

ASHEVILLE- State Senator Walter Dalton, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, joined Sheriffs Van Duncan of Buncombe County, Jack Conner of Rutherford County, and Alan Cloninger of Gaston County in announcing Dalton's endorsements from 53 Democratic Sheriffs around North Carolina.

"I am extremely honored to have the support of sheriffs across North Carolina," Dalton said. "As a Senator, I have always fought to make sure our law enforcement officers have all the tools they need to keep our communities safe. As Lieutenant Governor, I will keep that commitment and work with our sheriffs to protect all North Carolinians."

Senator Dalton announced his endorsements at the Buncombe County Courthouse. Many of the sheriffs who endorsed Senator Dalton cited his work to crack down on and prevent the production of methamphetamine and his bill to prevent children from being stalked on social networking sites such as MySpace as reasons for supporting him.

"I have known Walter Dalton for years and he has always been very supportive of law enforcement and our efforts to make our communities safer," Sheriff Jack Conner said, who is sheriff for Senator Dalton's home county of Rutherford. "Not only has he helped us obtain the funding we need, but he also started the Child Abuse Prevention Society to combat domestic abuse in Rutherford County. Sheriffs could not have a better friend in Walter Dalton."

"Senator Dalton has led the way on some very important legislation to protect our communities," Buncombe County Sheriff Van Duncan said. "He sponsored legislation to crackdown on methamphetamine and sexual predators and has shown his full commitment to issues that are important to us. I am proud to support his campaign for Lieutenant Governor."

"I have gotten to know Senator Dalton very well as he has campaigned for Lieutenant Governor and I am more than happy to support his candidacy," Hoke County Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said. "Walter understands the complex issues that law enforcement officials face statewide and he will work to make sure sheriff's departments- both urban and rural- will have the tools they need to be effective."

For more information about Senator Dalton and his campaign, please visit www.WalterDalton.org. A complete list of sheriffs supporting Walter Dalton for Lieutenant Governor can be found below:

Sheriff Hayden Bentley, Alexander County

Sheriff David Edwards, Alleghany County

Sheriff Tommy W. Allen, Jr., Anson County

Sheriff James Williams, Ashe County

Sheriff R. Alan Jordan, Beaufort County

Sheriff Greg Atkins, Bertie County

Sheriff Steve W. Bunn, Bladen County

Sheriff Van Duncan, Buncombe County

Sheriff John McDevitt, Burke County

Sheriff Brad Riley, Cabarrus County

Sheriff Michael Welch, Caswell County

Sheriff Richard H. Webster, Chatham County

Sheriff Keith Lovin, Cherokee County

Sheriff Joe D. Shook, Clay County

Sheriff Raymond C. Hamrick, Cleveland County

Sheriff Chris Batten, Columbus County

Sheriff Jerry Monette, Craven County

Sheriff Susan D. Johnson, Currituck County

Sheriff Earl R. Butler, Cumberland County

Sheriff Rodney Midgett, Dare County

Sheriff Blake Wallace, Duplin County

Sheriff Worth L. Hill, Durham County

Sheriff James L. Knight, Edgecombe County

Sheriff Pat A. Green, Franklin County

Sheriff Alan Cloninger, Gaston County

Sheriff Edward Webb, Gates County

Sheriff David T. Smith, Granville County

Sheriff Jeff P. Frazier, Halifax County

Sheriff Juan Vaughan, Sr., Hertford County
Sheriff Hubert A. Peterkin, Hoke County
Sheriff David T. Mason, Hyde County
Sheriff Jimmy Ashe, Jackson County
Sheriff John Hall, Jones County
Sheriff Tim Daugherty, Lincoln County
Sheriff John Ledford, Madison County
Sheriff Jeff Jordan, Montgomery County
Sheriff Richard D. Jenkins, Nash County
Sheriff Sid Causey, New Hanover County
Sheriff Bill Sawyer, Jr., Pamlico County
Sheriff Randy Cartwright, Pasquotank County
Sheriff Mac Manning, Pitt County
Sheriff Dale Furr, Richmond County
Sheriff Kenneth Sealey, Robeson County
Sheriff Jack Conner, Rutherford County
Sheriff Shepard Jones, Scotland County
Sheriff Rick Burris, Stanly County
Sheriff Graham H. Atkinson, Surry County
Sheriff Darryl Liverman, Tyrrell County
Sheriff Peter White, Vance County
Sheriff Johnny Williams, Warren County
Sheriff James Ross, Washington County
Sheriff Len D. Hagaman, Jr., Watauga County
Sheriff Wayne Gay, Wilson County

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